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Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know whether a new Local Boards Act is coming into being at all ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The question does not arise."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"May I know whether the Government will see that the Government Order is acted upon by all the Presidents of District Boards when licences are issued ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The Government Orders are supposed to be observed by all presidents."

Nomination of an Adi-Andhra to the Kistna District Board.

*1911 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Special Officer, Kistna District Board, has omitted to nominate even one Adi-Andhra (member for Hindu depressed classes) for the Gudivada Taluk Board in the recent nominations;

(b) how many members of the Hindu depressed classes (Adi-Andhras) have been nominated recently by the Special Officer, Kistna District Board, to each of the taluk boards of Nandigama, Kaikalur, Masulipatam, Nuzvid and Bezwada; and

(c) whether the Government have made it obligatory that at least one member of the Hindu depressed classes should be nominated to every local body except where representation is secured for them in election and if not, why not ?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information.

(c) No. Section 9 (5) of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, only lays down that the appointing authority shall have due regard to the representation of Muhammadans of the depressed and backward classes and of other minorities.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"May I know whether a member of the depressed classes is not necessarily to be on every taluk board ?"

The hon. Dr P. SUBBARAYAN :—"There is no compulsion on the part of the District Board with regard to nominations to taluk boards."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"May I know whether the nomination of a member of the depressed classes on the taluk board will not help to remove untouchability in that area ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I believe it does; but my experience in many of the taluk boards has been that most of the high class people like to seat the Adi-Dravidas away from the seats they are sitting on."

Excise

Alleged resignation of the member representing Mannargudi Municipal Council from the Excise Licensing Board.

* 1912 Q.—Mr. K. S. SIVASUBRAHMANYA AYYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the member representing the Municipal Council, Mannargudi, in the Excise Licensing Board has resigned;

(b) if so, for what reasons; and

(c) whether it is a fact that there is no representative of the Municipal Council in the Licensing Board now ?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The hon. Member presumably refers to the Excise Advisory Committee constituted for the Mannargudi Revenue Division. The Government are not aware that the fact is as suggested. They have called for a report.

Representation of Indian Christians on the South Kanara District Board.

*1912-A *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it has been urged by any Indian Christian or Catholic Association League at Mangalore that there should be on the District Board of South Kanara at least three or four persons to represent the Indian Christians having regard to their population as also their progress educationally;

(*b*) whether the present number is only two;

(*c*) whether Government have nominated recently a Hindu lady to fill the vacancy of an Indian Catholic;

(*d*) why she was nominated in preference to Indian Christian ladies who are highly educated and qualified; and

(*e*) how many members of the Bant community to which the lady nominated belongs there are in the District Board?

A.—(*a*) No such representation is traceable.

(*b*) The number of Indian Christians on the South Kanara District Board is at present three.

(*c*) & (*d*) A Hindu lady was appointed in a vacancy previously filled by an Indian Catholic. No vacancy is earmarked for any particular community.

(*e*) Fourteen.

Mr. K. R. KARANT:—"What are the reasons, Sir, for the appointment of a lady when she belongs to a community which has got fourteen members already represented on the Board?"

Medical

Action taken on Dr. Norman Walker's recommendations regarding Vizagapatam Medical College.

*1913 *Q.*—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount so far spent by the Government on the Vizagapatam Medical College;

(*b*) the annual expenditure to Government on account of this institution;

(*c*) whether the degrees awarded by this institution are recognized by the General Medical Council of Great Britain;

(*d*) what are the defects in this institution pointed out by Dr. Norman Walker; and

(*e*) whether the Government have made an estimate of the probable initial and recurring expenditure required to carry out Dr. Norman Walker's recommendations and if so, what it is?